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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 9277

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

AMEMBASSY PARIS

CDR USSAG NKP

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MOPS, LA

SUBJECT: MIA/POW - U.S. POSITION ON CONTINUED

DETENTION OF EMMET KAY

1. IN THE LIKELY EVENT CAPTURED U.S. CONTRACT  
AIR PILOT EMMET KAY IS NOT RELEASED BY THE PATHET LAO  
(LAO PATRIOTIC FRONT) BEFORE JUNE 5, THIS MISSION PROPOSES  
TO RESPOND TO PRESS QUERIES ON THE SUBJECT ALONG THE  
FOLLOWING LINES:

2. BEGIN STATEMENT: "AN EMBASSY SPOKESMAN EXPRESSED  
U.S. CONCERN THAT THE LAO PATRIOTIC FRONT HAS NOT  
COMPLIED WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE FEBRUARY 21, 1973  
LAOS AGREEMENT AND ITS SEPTEMBER 14 IMPLEMENTING PROTOCOL  
IN REGARD TO THE RETURN OF ALL PRISONERS, INCLUDING THE  
KNOWN AMERICAN DETAINEE, MR. EMMET KAY, WITHIN 60 DAYS  
OF FORMATION OF THE COALITION GOVERNMENT. THIS TIME  
PERIOD ENDED JUNE 4, 1974." END STATEMENT

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3. WE BELIEVE THAT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SHOULD ISSUE A  
SIMILAR STATEMENT AT PRESS BRIEFING ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5.

4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT APPROVAL.  
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